

GOVERNOR BALDWIN TALKS ON ART OF TEACHING

Meriden, Conn., May 13.—The great things for public school superintendents to insist on, according to Governor Simon E. Baldwin, are: (1) that school teachers should speak and write good English; (2) that they should not try to teach too many things; but rather teach thoroughly a few things; and (3) that teachers should avoid laying too much stress on final examinations.

Governor Baldwin spoke, today, to the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, in 10th annual convention here, on the subject, "The Things to Insist On."

The practical working of the system of public education, which we have in Connecticut depends largely, and I think I may say mainly, on you whom I am addressing.

The State Board of Education may make rules and issue orders, but rules and orders do not execute themselves. It is the middleman who really dominates, so far as the trading public are concerned, the course of trade. It is the middleman who really dominates, so far as the school children are concerned, the course of instruction. They get what the middleman gives them. The teachers give them, practically what you emphasize and insist on.

The laws of Connecticut have made the Governor the chairman ex-officio of the State Board of Education. Whether he has had any experience as teacher or not, he is the head of the organization which has the authority for Connecticut what public instruction shall be.

The General Assembly have made him its head for some reason. What reason? Doubtless part, at least, because he comes from the outside, and may fairly be taken to represent the general sentiment of the people as to how they wish their educational system administered. He is an outsider, and therefore can view the subject of public education, as a whole, and on its merits, better in some respects than if he were specially familiar with what the system is and how it has grown up.

Representing, presumably, the general sentiment of the people, he comes unencumbered by personal prejudices, based on long habit, in favor of this way of doing things, or that.

"It so happens in my case, that I have made some examinations as a student of comparative education, of educational systems in other countries as well as this, and further that I have had myself a long and active experience as a teacher in the public schools for many years. I have taught law, and in some measure, political science, in Yale University."

I shall not, therefore, keep to mere conventionalities of congratulation and encouragement on this occasion. I want to leave with you, if I can, some words which will be a real recollection in doing your everyday duty as agents of the State.

What are the things that, in dealing with the teachers under your supervision, you ought to insist on?

One is, that in the case of the English language, they shall be exemplars, as well as instructors. It seems indeed to me more important that they should give good example than that they should give good technical instruction in grammar or composition.

The one common agency and tool of national life is the national language. Other things may be learned by a child who can use that tool best, will succeed best. He will succeed best, and he will enjoy most.

He may enter a school under the handicap of bad example in an illiterate family. His father and mother use bad English; his playmates do; he drags it in with his mother's milk. If he finds teachers at school who use bad English, his case becomes almost hopeless. The fountain is poisoned at its source.

I heard one of your number, not long ago, use the phrase, "I felt like I knew better, but I just couldn't." I know better, but I just couldn't. I could say, "He done it." I dare say you have often heard from some such: "It aint so," or "He done it." I dare say you detect any such vulgarisms in the speech of a teacher under your supervision, give him a kindly hint that it will be better if he speaks in a fair opportunity to get rid of his habit. If he fails to do so, he fails, or she fails, to be of further use as a teacher of English. I am sure that you go. I have known such a man employed notwithstanding all his deficiencies, to teach college students. I do not say that it was a good thing, but he had rare gift of observation and expression; but such students had their vocabularies already formed. The child is acquiring his day by day.

The second thing I would insist on is that the teachers' aim should steadily be, not to teach, but to train. The temptation of every teacher of classes at all advanced is to live in his own world; to view things from his own viewpoint. Instead of that, he must live in two worlds, his own, and his pupils. They are very different worlds. By the immature mind, facts are seen without due discrimination of their relations, and therefore of their meaning. Half of them are soon forgotten; the rest stand unarranged and confused together. The teacher cannot assume that the acquisitions of one term or one month are remembered the next. What was learned without being appreciated and co-ordinated with previous acquisitions is never effectively recalled.

To recollect, one must first have collected, and there is no useful collection of facts unless they are in some measure co-ordinated.

A teacher who must resist the tendency to teach over the heads of his class; to teach them especially what interests his own mind, rather than what is wanted by his children. When a teacher receives a class, trained by others to a certain point of study, he must not assume that the main body of them really know what they have been taught.

It is his business to find out how much they know, and to fill the gaps. In Moliere's "Bourgeois Gentleman," you may recollect that the points for us a plain, unlettered man who suddenly becomes rich. He laudably resolves to get an education, goes to Paris, and engages private masters. His knowledge of French is small; of other languages, nothing. He has heard of Latin as something which an educated man ought to have at his command, and employs a Latin teacher. "What knowledge," the teacher asked, "have you attained?"

"Well," is the reply, "it is so long since my school days were over that I think you had better take it up with me precisely as if I had never studied Latin at all."

Our teachers need not quite adopt

the same method, but they certainly must not assume much as to what their scholars already know.

Over and over again must the average teacher be taught the same thing, in order to fix it clearly in his mind. This narrows the circle of education, but gives it a beaten floor on which self building can be safely and surely based and future progress assured.

How many of our school children really know the three R's? And what else is so well worth knowing?

I would advise you to trim the fringes of education. See that the cloth is sound, that the garment fits the child, and leave the fringes for him to sew on in future years if he finds time and will, so to ornament his days.

Do not magnify the importance of final examinations. To many, in every stage of education, they are a needless terror. To many, of slow-working minds, to demand an answer to a question, or to expect a question gives a shock to the whole mental apparatus, and seems to paralyze the power of thought. I had rather give the opinion of a good, practical teacher who has had long personal acquaintance with a child, as to his fitness for promotion to a higher grade or class, or his fitness for entrance into a college, than the result of an examination. Cramping may give the examination a false appearance. Nervous anxiety may give it a false appearance. A judicious hint or word may give it a false appearance. All allowances must be made before any examination can be made fair to further opportunities for further progress.

I confine myself today in this brief address to these three points, out of many which might suggest themselves to you.

The great things for you to insist on, if I am right in the conclusion of my own study and experience as schoolmaster, are these:

1. That our school teachers should speak and write good English.

2. That they should not try to teach too many things, but rather make teaching thoroughly whatever is taught, the main end in view.

3. The avoidance of laying too much stress on the results of final examinations.

Take these hints for what they may be worth. You have dedicated your lives to the work of instruction. My main work has always been something else. Two days a week for most of my life I have given to teaching; four days to quite a different profession.

I am, therefore, from a point of view less qualified than you to judge of systems of education. From another, I am better qualified.

The man who would comprehend the size and the lines of a mountain must stand far away from it. He can thus compare it with other objects of a different kind. He can see the light and shadows, that diversify its surface, better than if he were in the glare of the light or the gloom of the shadows.

The activities of business life have taken me far from the field of education. I have the far view; you the near one. There are advantages in each.

JOSHUA JOEL DEAD

Native of England and Long Time Resident of America Succumbs at Home of Daughter

Death at a good old age, Thursday evening, brought a peaceful ending to Joshua Joel at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. H. Smith, 1403 Fairfield avenue, in California, where he was about 20 years of age. With the exception of two years which he spent in New York state, he has been a resident of Connecticut, his home originally being in Meriden. For the past ten years he has been a resident of this city. Mr. Joel was a member of the local lodge of Elks and of the Sons of St. George, the Red Men and of Court Excelsior, Independent Order of Foresters, all of Meriden. He was a charter member of the latter organization, being one of the prime movers in its institution.

Until recently, Mr. Joel had charge of the knife department of the E. H. S. Smith Silver Co. He leaves to mourn his loss, two daughters, Mrs. E. H. Smith, who lives in California, and Mrs. Lela Joel Hulse, and one son, William F. Joel, a traveling salesman of West Haven. Mrs. Hulse at present resides in California with the Russian Symphony orchestra, of which she is the contralto. The remains will be taken to Meriden tomorrow morning, and will be interred at All Saints' church, with interment following in West cemetery. A delegation of Elks will accompany the remains.

NURSES TO GRADUATE

Annual Exercises of Training School of Bridgeport Hospital

The graduating exercises of the Training School for Nurses of the Bridgeport Hospital, will be held at the First Presbyterian church, on Friday evening, June 2. The address will be made by Rev. John MacLaren, Rector of the church, and by Professor Elmer Joyce will render a particularly selected program on the organ. The exercises of the school are invited to be present.

WALL STREET TODAY

(Special from United Press.)

New York, May 13.—Opening—A little irregularity prevailed in the stock market at the opening, today, price changes being about equally divided.

At 11 a. m.—After the first few minutes the market became dull and there was no feature to the trading. Closing—Continued strength in Philadelphia common stock was the most prominent feature in the last hour, the stock selling as high as 10 1/2 against 10 1/4. Its high point, however, was not maintained, and it closed but firm with a little pressure evident in a few of the more active issues.

Government bonds unchanged; other bonds firm.

PERSONAL MENTION.

G. W. Mackey of Devon, Milford, is confined to his home by illness.

MANSLAUGHTER IS THE VERDICT AGAINST WOMAN

Jury Declares Mrs. Dodge Guilty in Sensational Vermont Murder Trial

Widow of Former Sheriff Convicted of Killing Painter at Her Own Home

(Special from United Press.)

Guilt Hall, Vt., May 13.—After one of the most remarkable murder trials ever held in Vermont, Mrs. Florence M. Dodge, widow of a former sheriff and prominent man of affairs in Lunenburg, was today, convicted of killing William Heath, a painter, while he worked in her home in Lunenburg, last September. The jury deliberated long over the degree and when court convened shortly after nine o'clock, this morning, brought in a verdict of guilty of manslaughter.

With the close of the case there stands out more prominently than ever the question, "Why did Mrs. Dodge kill Heath?" but it is impossible to answer the question will ever be answered. The state made no effort to prove a motive and Mrs. Dodge has maintained all along that Heath killed himself either intentionally or accidentally by dropping the former sheriff's revolver on the floor.

Mrs. Dodge, who is over 50 years old, was one of the most respected members of the community. She had self spread the alarm when Heath was killed, telling the neighbors he had shot himself.

Her version was accepted until it was discovered that the painter had been shot in the back and then the widow was arrested and charged with murder. She calmly maintained her innocence but was indicted. She was released under heavy bail and remained in her home town throughout the trial the accused woman remained composed and cheerful until yesterday. Then, during her attorney's plea for acquittal, she broke down and cried and she remained in a highly nervous state all night.

BUSINESS MEN WILL FIGHT FOR ONE COMMISSION

Judiciary Committee Said to Favor Double Commission by Ballot of 6 to 5

The Business Men Hope to Win Over One Man and Thus Assure a Majority Report in Favor of the Better Plan.

(Special from United Press.)

New Haven, May 13.—With the legislative committee of judiciary ready to hand in a majority report for two commissions to regulate the public service corporations of the state and a minority report favoring a single powerful commission, the United Press today, interviewed the leaders of the two camps. The majority report, which was championed for regulation of corporations doing public business is generally credited the activity of the legislature on subject.

Almost unanimously the selected business men said they would fight in the legislature for a single commission. (By Andrew B. Jones, of Danbury, president of the State Business Men's Association.)

"A double-headed commission, one to regulate railroads and a second to regulate all other public utilities is not satisfactory to the State Business Men's Association. We will fight for the single commission plan." (By Ralph O. Wells, Hartford, attorney for the State Business Men's Association.)

"I prefer the single commission and expect to work for the minority report in the legislature. The single commission is a better plan, in my opinion, than the double commission. The business men's bill but would take the double commission as a last extremity as better than nothing."

The minority report, which the committee intends to make over capitalization of public service corporations a crime by statute. This is satisfactory to the State Business Men's Association. But we will fight for the single commission idea." (By Norman F. Allen, Hartford, leading business lawyer and prominent member of the State Business Men's Association.)

"I am not certain that the Judiciary committee is going to report for two commissions. They ought to be given a chance to make their report first. I have full confidence that the committee will give the people what they demand and through the State Business Men's Association they have demanded a single commission."

"We have the word of a majority of the legislators that they will not stand for anything that is not effective regulation of public service corporations and I am willing to depend on the members of the General Assembly to keep their word."

It leaked out, today, that the Business Men believe they have a high hope of turning the tide at the 11th hour. The Judiciary committee is said to be divided on the doublehead and single commission ideas 6 to 5. The Business Men hope to bring over to their side one more member and later to force a majority report on the single commission plan.

The committee was supposed to stand 8 to 3. The intimation that the Business Men had five adherents in committee, today instead of three, is said to indicate that the majority report of the committee may yet favor the Business Men's bill.

INVITED TO WEAR WHITE CARNATIONS

Sunday, May 14, being "Mothers' day," Major General William Barnard respectfully requests all connected with the United Boys' Brigades, of this state, to wear the white carnations, as is customary.

This Bird Man Has Had Lively Career



CHARLES K. HAMILTON

HAMILTON HELPED CAPTURE A TOWN FOR INSURGENTS

General Madero Presented Him with a Watch and General Diaz Sent Him to Jail

Hamilton Entitled to Fall Only 20 Times, Has Exceeded His Share

When Charles K. Hamilton flew over some of the Mexican cities a couple of months ago, saw the plans of all the Federal fortifications, the strength of the troops, etc., and then published them all in the El Paso newspapers, he hadn't the slightest idea that he was furnishing priceless information to the insurgents, whose headquarters are at El Paso. Of course not.

That's why General Francisco Madero, leader of the revolutionists, sent Hamilton a beautiful gold watch. And that's why the noted aviator was clapped into jail when he foolishly ventured over the border a short time afterward.

Hamilton, who is a daily visitor at the Aerodrome, tells with glee of his experiences in Mexico. He saw a great deal of the guerrilla warfare in that country and his sympathies are all with the insurgents.

His trick in giving the revolutionists all the necessary information about their opponents was probably the first actual use of an airplane in warfare. It has been very important result. It disclosed the unsuspected weakness of the Federal troops in one of the towns, and led to the immediate capture of the town by the insurgents.

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His worst fall of all occurred several days ago. He was flying over a field where his Wright flyer crashed to earth from a distance of 300 feet. It gave Hamilton the worst fall of his career. His wife saw it from the grandstand.

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SHOCK OF FATHER'S DEATH LEAVES CHILD SUBJECT TO HYSTERIA

Pitiful Plight of 14 Years Old Girl Stricken at Her Work Today

Still suffering from the shock of her father's tragic death, nearly a year ago, Catherine Brady, aged 14, of 421 Logan street, was stricken with an unusually severe hysterical attack at the Canfield Rubber Co., where she is employed, this forenoon.

The girl's father was shot nearly a year ago, and on leaving the hospital before he was discharged, suffered from an infection of the wound that caused his death.

The child was prostrated by her father's untimely end, and since then has been subject to hysteria. Today at her work she was stricken and her condition became so serious that she was removed to the ambulance. Dr. Krause treated the girl at the emergency hospital and took her to her home to rest.

Something Sensational Every Time He Goes Up



LINCOLN BEACHY

BEACHY SAYS HE WANTS AN IRON COFFIN

Hamilton Offers Him His Choice After Watching Beachy's Stunts Yesterday

Daring Little Aviator Again Furnishes the Thrills at the Aerodrome

"Which would you prefer, a mahogany coffin or just plain pine?" asked Aviator Charles K. Hamilton of Lincoln Beachy at the Bridgeport Aerodrome, yesterday afternoon, just after Beachy had descended from his 4,000 foot climb, concluding with a series of hair-raising and dangerous dips and plunges over the field.

"Oh, cast iron is good enough for me," retorted Beachy with the utmost indifference.

"He'll break his neck doing that," was the anxious prophecy of Glenn H. Curtiss as he watched his daring protegee circling the field, turning at sharp angles, swooping down to within a few feet of the ground, and shooting up into the air again.

Beachy fairly revelled in his machine yesterday, playing tricks with it, like a small boy on a new bicycle. Time after time he swooped down to within a few feet of the ground, and then he held his breath when the daring little flier swooped down at a sharp angle and seemed to be plunging into the ground.

Once, Beachy singled out Glenn Curtiss and Earle Ovington who were talking together right in the center of the field, and swooped down upon them. For a moment it looked as though he was going to hit them and scatter them like water.

Beachy's machine was in good working order yesterday, and he made some beautiful flights, but Beachy carried off the palm and was the hero of the hour.

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HOEY AWARDED TO NEW BRITAIN CLUB

Secretary James H. O'Rourke of the Connecticut league, received word from the National board today that Outfielder Jack Hoey, about whom there has been so much discussion, has been awarded to New Britain. This player was a member of the Waterbury club last season.

When the team was sold by H. R. Durant to Carl Pace, the new owner supposed Hoey was included in the purchase, but he afterward learned that Durant had sold Hoey to New Britain before selling the club to Pace. The Connecticut league directors decided that Hoey belonged to New Britain, and it was from their decision that Pace appealed to the National board.

New York—The appellate division of the Supreme court has denied the request of the State society of osteopaths to compel the health board to issue removal and burial permits on certificates of osteopaths.

AVIATION EXHIBITION TO INCLUDE TOMORROW

McCurdy, This Afternoon, to Attempt to Operate Wireless Outfit from His Machine — Management Declares that Lieut. Fickel Will Be Taken Up by Beachy, Tomorrow, to Attempt Target Shooting.

That the aviation meet will be extended to include Sunday was announced today by Christopher J. Lake and T. T. Tuttle, representing the Bridgeport Aerodrome and the Curtiss Amusement Company.

All arrangements were completed today to give a splendid program of spectacular flying stunts at the aerodrome tomorrow afternoon, and it was announced that no extra charge will be made for grand stand seats, but that the general field admission will include grand stand as well.

Before two such celebrated flyers as Beachy and McCurdy leave Bridgeport we want the general public—the working people who are busy throughout the week—to have a chance to see the flying.

"We realize that there are thousands of people in Bridgeport who want to see these aviators in action, who haven't had a chance to see them in the week-day afternoon. It is for the benefit of these that we are extending the meet to Sunday and are reducing the admission price to make one fee cover both admission and grand stand."

On the authority of Mr. Tuttle it was announced that Beachy will take up Lieut. Fickel as his passenger tomorrow and the latter will attempt the rifle shooting experiments which have been heralded as a feature of the meet.

This afternoon's program at the Aerodrome calls for an attempt by McCurdy to operate a wireless telegraph outfit from his machine. The aeroplane is not powerful enough to take up a passenger in addition to McCurdy and the wireless outfit. McCurdy is an old telegraph operator. The key to the wireless outfit has been fitted onto the steering wheel of his machine, and he hopes to be able to send messages from the air and to guide his machine at the same time.

Wireless stations in Bridgeport, New Haven and New York will attempt to pick up these aerial flashes.

McCurdy and Beachy are scheduled to make their usual exhibition flights this afternoon. Beachy may have some more dare-devil stunts up his sleeve, but he never lets his plans in advance. He lets the inspiration seize him when he's in the air.

SHEPARD WOULD CONTROL THE PATROLAGE

(Special from United Press.)

Portland, May 13.—That he is entitled to control the Federal patrolage in the second district under the custom which gives defeated Congressmen belonging to the controlling party the right to distribute patronage was to stand on record today, Representative Andrew Nelson Shepard of this place, who was defeated last election by Mayor Thomas L. Riley, Democrat, of Meriden.

In interview with the United Press, Colonel Shepard admitted and explained his visit to Washington. He talked with Representative-at-large John Tillson, of Connecticut, and it is understood an agreement was reached between them to divide patronage in the second district.

DON'T FORGET the St. Patrick's dance at Eagles' hall, tonight. Maloney's orchestra. Admission 15c.

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